

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Silvia Salvadori on 19 November 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1) In claim 10, line 1 after treating **delete.** *"disorders selected"* and **insert** , "erectile dysfunction".
- 2) In claim 10, **delete** line 2.
- 3) In claim 10, line 3 **delete** *"fatigue, said disorders being"*.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 10- 12 and 14 – 18 are allowed. The prior art did not fairly teach the claimed invention drawn to a method of explicitly treating erectile dysfunction caused by andropause with an effective amount of propionyl L-carnitine in combination with acetyl L-carnitine the improvement comprising the lack of increase of blood testosterone levels.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY E. BETTON whose telephone number is (571)272-9922. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30a - 5:00p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on (571) 272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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